IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Paragraph [0005], pp. 3-4, please amend the paragraph as follows:

[0005]   To provide an exemplary use of composite data streams, backup clients residing on different computers of a local area network may be provided and/or collect data to be backed up on their respective computers. This data to be backed up may or may not be in the form of a composite data stream as a result of the application(s) which created it. These backup clients may each transmit (e.g., over a network) data streams (e.g., constituent user data streams, which themselves may be composite data streams) to a backup server that forms composite data streams (e.g., by combining a constituent user data stream with one or more other constituent user data streams and/or an administrative data stream). It should be thus understood that there may be multiple layers of composite data streams. The backup server periodically transmits (e.g., directly or over a network) these composite data streams to a storage server (e.g., a network file server, a tape library emulator server, etc.) for storage, as well as maintains a catalog of the backups it is managing and what it has stored therein. Although forming composite data streams is common, different backup systems structure composite data streams differently (e.g., certain backup systems use fixed length blocks of user data separated by administrative data blocks; other backup systems punctuate variable length user files with administrative date data; etc.).